

**Subject:** Re: Homeless Encampment #1-1605252401  
**From:** "Renee (Cecelia) Shackelford" <renee.shackelford@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 5/7/20, 4:09 PM  
**To:** Cairo Rodriguez <cairo.rodriguez@lacity.org>  
**CC:** "Burditt, Vincent" <vincent.burditt@lacity.org>, Jamie Hwang <jamie.hwang@lacity.org>

We cannot remove bulky items from encampments right now unless they are contaminated, with the latest lawsuit any bulky items removed have to be stored and currently we do not have storage space. We will add it for next week for spot cleaning.

**Much Appreciated,**

## **Renée C. Renée Shackelford**

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On Thu, May 7, 2020 at 3:25 PM Cairo Rodriguez <[cairo.rodriguez@lacity.org](mailto:cairo.rodriguez@lacity.org)> wrote:

Hi Renee,

Hope all is well. Please add to the list for homeless cleanup. Constituent complaining about bulky items on the sidewalk.

Encampment incident #1-1605252401

Thank you,  
Cairo

----- Forwarded message -----  
From: **Kim Alfrey** <[kjalfrey@hotmail.com](mailto:kjalfrey@hotmail.com)>

Date: Wed, May 6, 2020 at 3:14 PM  
Subject: Re: Homeless Encampment #1-1605252401  
To: [cairo.rodriquez@lacity.org](mailto:cairo.rodriquez@lacity.org) <[cairo.rodriquez@lacity.org](mailto:cairo.rodriquez@lacity.org)>

Hi Cairo,

Thank you for attempting to reach me yesterday on my cell. I received your voicemail and hope to connect with you soon. I will await your call as you requested.

All the best,  
Kim

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> On May 5, 2020, at 10:40 AM, Kim Alfrey <[kjalfrey@hotmail.com](mailto:kjalfrey@hotmail.com)> wrote:

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> Good morning Cairo Rodriguez,

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> My name is Kimberly Alfrey, and I hope this email finds you well.

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> I am emailing regarding the Homeless Encampment incident #1-1605252401. This is the homeless encampment on Berendo St. (between 5th and 6th).

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> It is my understanding that the homeless encampment can not be cleaned up until after the Covid 19 'Shelter in Place' order is lifted. You work with Herb J. Wesson Jr.'s office and I was informed that you are the point person for this area. If you are able, please show others in your office and other persons in charge this email, along with the attached photos, showing that this area needs to be a priority, for safety, sanitation and health reasons.

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> I understand that the city can no longer remove homeless encampments without providing services for them and a place to live. I completely support that, and believe we need a safe solution for them, instead of just having them moving around the city. I believe you are currently building locations and are trying to get the homeless into those and help them with services, but this is a bit on hold until after the 'Shelter in Place' order is lifted.

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> Most importantly, I would like to report an obscene amount of dangerous waste and excess trash that is left all over the sidewalks on both sides of the street, as well as in the street. I am not sure if the waste is way over the amount of a 60

gallon drum per person at this current time, in my opinion, it is as the very least, close to for most. There have been multiple times, this year and this past year, where the trash and tents have blocked the sidewalks and and sometimes entrances to apartments parking structures. Bulky items and trash sometimes block the parking driveways, and sidewalks. Usually I just move it out of the way myself (which is not cleaning anything up, or helping, but at least making it possible to leave the apartment complex). The trash and tents are expanding so much so, that everyday I see multiple people having to walk in the street since they literally cannot walk on the sidewalks. It is not even safe for me to walk to Walgreens, the corner store, or the gas station around the corner, since there are so many tents and trash and hazards.

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> I believe about two weeks ago, there were some individuals from the city that were cleaning up and trying to get rid of trash here. It did not really make much of a dent and the very next day, it was even worse. I know that you, your office, first responders, essential workers, and police officers are very busy making sure the city is safe and everyone is taken care of. What all of you do is no easy task, especially during such trying times, such as what we are all going through now. All of y'all are truly heroes in my book!

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> It was stated over a week ago, that Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti announced that the city will begin sending medical teams to the streets to screen people for the virus, and in the next few weeks, teams will also be offering fast-result COVID-19 field test and those who are infected will be offered transportation to shelters and have hotel rooms set aside for them. Is this something that will be implemented, hopefully soon, for the health, safety and well being for this current homeless encampment on S. Berendo Street?

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> I have attached photos (in a zip file, please open and view) to show you what the street currently looks like today, as well as the past couple of days. Please let me know if you can open up the attachment, if not, please let me know and I will resend.

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> Also, is there a way to implement cleaning/sanitation crews and/or police check ins on a routine basis right now for this area? Even pre pandemic that would have been wonderful, and especially now, and for post pandemic when the state opens back up. I feel it would be a necessity. It would be a huge peace of mind, and more secure for all, to be able to walk outside safely (with a pandemic face mask on of course) and not be scared or in a hazardous, unsanitary, health compromising situation. I took the pictures to the best of my ability.

Unfortunately the pictures are not of that good of quality, since I was trying to do it from a safe distance, and not upset the homeless encampment or put myself in harms way.

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> Please take care and I look forward to hearing back from you. Any advice that

you and your team could provide as well, regarding these concerns and this current difficult situation, would be extremely appreciated. We are all in this together, and please know that you are appreciated. I also realize that I have just as much of a responsibility to do what I can do during all of this, just as the city or anyone else does. So your feedback and advisement to help with that is important. I am beyond grateful for you and your team and this wonderful Los Angeles City that I call home.

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> Be safe, healthy and well!

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> Take care,

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> Kim Alfrey

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